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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR MEASURING DIRECTIONAL,
AND COMPUTER PROGRAM

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-13, all the claims pending in the application, stand rejected.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Smith et al (6,543,146). This rejection is traversed for at least the following reasons.

The present invention is directed to a directional measuring device and method for measuring the direction of a body within a Cartesian coordinate system. The direction is computed on the basis of an azimuth error angle that is determined by a rotatable converter. Applicant submits that the apparatus invention, as defined in claims 1-7, and the method invention, as defined in claims 8-13, are patentable over Smith et al.